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SUPPLEMENT

1. Many riots have occurred in Chongju (Teishu)-gun (定州郡), Anju (Anshu)-gun (安州郡) and Sonchon (Sensen)-gun (宣川郡). Several Soviet army granaries have been set on fire and 160 persons of the "Bureau of Public Safety and Food Shortages" (in these areas?) have been murdered.

25X1A Note: [REDACTED] for previous reports on riots in 25X1A North Korea.)

2. There have been student riots in North Korea because primary and middle school students are compelled to study Communist doctrines. The local authorities have called upon the military police to arrest these rioters. Nine students were arrested at Haeju (Kaishu) (125-42, 38-02) and 5000 persons at Simiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06).

3. Many intellectuals have started an anti-Soviet movement in Pyongyang (Heijo) (125-44, 39-01), Tonghung (Eiko) (127-14, 39-32), Anju (Anshu) (125-40, 39-36), Hamhung (Kanko) (127-32, 39-54) and Wonju (Genshu) (127-56, 37-20). Note: Not in Soviet zone.) Many of them have left these places for Simiju and Antung (124-23, 40-09) via Anju and Sonchon (Sensen) (124-54, 39-48). They hope to form a military unit in Manchuria and to return with this unit to North Korea.

4. Every day more than eighty persons cross the Yalu River into Manchuria. Most of them are anti-Soviet and have left their homes because they were not allowed political freedom.

5. There is a scarcity of food in the town of Pyongyang, Hamhung, Anju and Wonju. A bag of millet (16 kilograms) is sold for 2700 won (in these cities?). Most people are living on "distillers' grain". It is impossible for the spring tilling of the fields to take place. Note: [REDACTED] reported that between 27 March and 1 May 1947, farmers in North Korea were abandoning farms because of failure of the government to supply them with seeds.)

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